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James Klahr
Executive Director

July 1, 2015

Stephen Jehle
Friends of Stephen Jehle
3814 Marine Ave
St. Louis MO 63118

MEC No. 15-0021-I

Dear Mr. Jehle:

The Missouri Ethics Commission considered the complaint filed against you and Friends of Stephen Jehle at its June 30, 2015 meeting. The complaint alleged you, while running as an Independent for St. Louis City Board of Alderman, improperly coordinated with Stuart Keating, your committee's campaign manager, to form Respondent Center for Competitive Elections, a continuing committee. It is alleged that the coordination was for the purpose of concealing the continuing committee's purchase of a democratic voter database from NGP Van for your benefit because your candidate committee would not have been provided access to the database.

The staff review of this complaint found the investigation did not support improper coordination between Friends of Stephen Jehle and Center for Competitive Elections in an effort to conceal campaign activity between the two. There was no evidence that Center for Competitive Elections was formed, controlled or directed you in such a way that it was not operating as a continuing committee as defined in Section 130.011(10), RSMo. All contributions received and expenditures made on your behalf were reported by both committees.

From the facts presented, the Commission finds no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of Chapter 130, RSMo, and is dismissing the complaint.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Klahr", is positioned above the printed name.

James Klahr
Executive Director